

IDOE REGION 6 OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

Jan/Feb 2015

Dates to Remember:

- ISTEP+ Part 1 – Paper/pencil (Applied Skills) Feb. 25-Mar. 13
- ISTEP+ Part 1 – Online (Applied Skills) Mar. 2-20
- ISTEP+ Part 2 – Paper/pencil (Pre-approval required) (Multiple-Choice & Gridded-Response Items) Apr. 27-May 8
- ISTEP+ Part 2 – Online (Multiple-Choice & Technology-Enhanced Items) Apr. 27-May 15
- IREAD-3 (Spring) Mar. 12-Mar. 18
- ECAs (Spring) Apr. 20- Jun. 3




HELLO!

Linda and I wanted to focus this newsletter entirely to assessment since there have been so many questions in the field. We have included a lot of resources for teachers, so please share!

AROUND THE REGION:

We are very excited to have John Wolf and Bill Reed from the DOE join us on February 9th and 10th. They will be providing professional development in the areas of elementary literacy and math. It is highly recommended that administrators and teachers become members of the **Indiana Literacy Liaisons...Read on, Indiana**, on [Learning Connections](#). Region 6 is also seeking an outstanding [Outreach Coordinator](#), so please share this with anyone who may be qualified. [Superintendent Ritz seeks special SBOE meeting.](#)

RESOURCES:

 Assessment Info.zip	 ELA Resources.zip	 Math Resources.zip
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DOE ASSESSMENT INFO:

ELA

Constructed Response

The constructed response items are text-based as they have been on previous ISTEP+ and structured in a similar manner. They are scored using the same holistic, 2-point rubric we have used in the past.

Extended Response

The extended-response will also be based on the same text as the constructed response questions. Students will be provided the same amount of space as they have in past (one and a half pages in the paper/pencil form). They will also have prewriting/planning space and the editing checklist they have had in the past. Student writing will be scored based on the 4 point Writing Genres and Process Rubric and the 4 point Grammar and Usage rubric. These rubrics are very similar to the ones we have used in the past.

Writing Prompt

Students are going to be asked to write persuasive, informative, or narrative responses based on a text after they have answered a few multiple choice items that scaffold to the writing. Students will be provided the same amount of space as they have in past (3 and a half pages in the paper/pencil form). They will also have prewriting/planning space and the editing checklist they have had in the past. Student writing will be scored based on the 6 point Writing Genres and Process Rubric and the 4 point Grammar and Usage rubric. These rubrics are very similar to the ones we have used in the past. The structure of the sessions is similar to the ways we have organized them in the past. The biggest difference is that the extended response and writing prompt will be grounded in the text. The multiple choice items leading to the writing prompt are intended to provide scaffolding to the writing students will be asked to do.

English/Language Arts Rubrics

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/englishlanguage-arts-rubrics>

ISTEP+ Standards and Assessment Vocabulary

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-standards-and-assessment-vocabulary>

Math

There will be more extended response and constructed response questions release on the Assessment Web-page soon. You can keep checking under the Item Sampler area at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8> . In the mean-time there are prior year's released items that you might be able to use at:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-released-items-and-scoring-notes>. Also, use the DOK material attached and on the PowerPoint at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/assessment/depth-knowledge-powerpoint-algebra-i.pdf> You can also use the ISTEP+ CCRA site at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-college-and-career-ready-assessment> and the Algebra 1 ECA CCRA site at: <https://in.questarai.com/ccra/>.

You can also Google "Constructed Response Math Questions" and find some great resources like:

https://www4.uwm.edu/Org/mmp/resources/CR_Items.htm

http://mdk12.org/assessments/k_8/items/cr_grade5_math.html

<http://mcsed.net/Page/268>

<http://www.pinterest.com/abigaillp/constructed-response/>

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/teacher-support-toolbox-library/6-8-grade-math-teachers>

Likewise, if you Google "Extended Response Math Questions," you will find some great resources like:

<https://www.k12.wa.us/Mathematics/ReleasedItems.aspx>

<http://www.riroe.com/site/nims/problem-solving-and-extended-response/>

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/k-12-math-year-long-planning>

<http://www.pinterest.com/malyons14/extended-response/>

http://www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/math_released_er.htm

You can refine or narrow your search criteria using a specific grade level or mathematical concept and/or standard. This is great practice on this type of question. They may not be the exact same as the questions your students will be seeing on the ISTEP+ or ECA tests, but the practice with this type of questions will help them considerably with the questions they will see and be asked to work on the Indiana ISTEP+ and ECA Assessments.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

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